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DIRECTION BY CVC TO BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has directed Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to either re-tender or snap bid of Rs. 591 crore contract awarded to HCL Infosystem in September last year;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the directions of Central Vigilance Commission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) An alternate communication network is being put up by BSNL for Indian Air force to facilitate vacation of spectrum for civil use. Indian air Force had prescribed certain conditions for laying of alternate communication network of Indian Air Force by BSNL to facilitate vacation of spectrum for civilian use.

The tender conditions for the alternate network were framed taking into consideration the special requirements of Indian Air Force to ensure optimum operational efficiency and easy roll out. According to CVC this has resulted in certain amount of restriction in fair competition.

In view of CVC's observation, matter has been referred to Ministry of Defence for their views.